

I would like to comment on the proposed move to lift the ban on cross-ownership between television and newspaper media outlets. Not only does this feel like corporate america buying yet another favor from our government, but it seems clear that something like this cannot serve the public interest. The founders sought to protect OUR rights to a free and impartial press, and in fact tried to protect us against a world that is run by corporate bullies. This has already, unfortunately, been all but discarded and eliminating competition and accountability in journalism in the name of free-enterprise will only be another nail in that coffin. It may seem like a good thing to allow bigger companies to cover the news, but it will only undermine one of our greatest freedoms. Perhaps encouraging greater cooperation could achieve the same end without continuing the corporate takeover of America.

Thank you
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